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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. Of: TANABE et al.

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR THIN FILM FORMING SYSTEM

Group: 1725

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR A ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TERM

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of term for responding to the Official Action mailed December 3, 2001, thereby extending the term for response from March 3, 2002 to April 3, 2002. Form PTO 2038 authorizing a payment in the amount of \$110.00, covering the extension fee, accompanies this Petition.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account No. 08-1391.

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